

Grant: "Open Access" (OA) Author Fee
For: Brock Faculty, Graduate Students, Postdoctoral Fellows

Competition Opens: Monday October 24, 2011
Competition Closes: When Fund is Expended [or April 15, 2012]

Description

Universities exist, in part, to disseminate new knowledge. With the growth of the Internet and public interest in accessing publicly funded research¹, more and more scholarly research is being made available through various "open access" channels. Open access resources are free, unrestricted, digital materials available to anyone via the Internet.

Open access benefits researchers and members of the public, but disseminating or publishing research still costs money. Different business models are emerging to fund open access journal publishing, for example. "Author Fees" are one such mechanism. These fees are also referred to as "author payments," "open access charges," "article processing fees," or "submission fees."

- An "Author Fee" is charged by some open access journals and partially open access (or "hybrid") journals, in order to disseminate an article in an open access venue
- Author fees can range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per article

In an effort to educate Brock researchers and emerging researchers (graduate students) about this issue, the Brock University Library has established a one-time Grant opportunity.

Purpose of the Grant

- To assist researchers in disseminating their research broadly via an Open Access (OA) journal
- To pay (or subsidize) an author fee charged by a publisher

Awards

- A minimum of four (4) awards will be granted, to a maximum of \$2,500 each [Total fund=\$10,000]

Eligible Applicants

- Brock University faculty members (full-time and part-time), currently registered graduate students and postdoctoral fellows
- Each eligible applicant will be entitled to one (1) Grant
- This Grant is intended to support researchers with limited or no funding. If an alternate funding source is available that permits payment of submission fees (e.g. a grant), this source must be used before applying to the Fund

¹ Access to Research Results: Guiding Principles <http://www.science.gc.ca/default.asp?Lang=En&n=9990CB6B-1>

Eligible Publications

Authors are free to publish in the journal of their choice. The Grant covers only the fees associated with open access publishing [costs for reprints, colour illustration fees, non-open access page charges, administrative charges and other fees are not applicable.]

Articles eligible for this grant are: peer-reviewed articles that have been accepted for publication in either a fully OA journal or a hybrid OA journal:

1. Fully OA Journal

- a. the content of the entire journal is freely available online immediately upon payment of the OA fee. Often have few restrictions on redistribution and reuse, which means anyone, anywhere with access to the Internet may read, download, copy, and distribute that article
- b. the journal must:
 - i. be listed in the Directory of Open Access Journals or meet the DOAJ's selection criteria
 - ii. make the fee schedule publicly available online

2. Hybrid OA Journal

- a. individual articles are made OA immediately upon payment of the author fee
- b. differs from the true OA in that hybrid OA publishers may restrict redistribution and reuse
- c. the journal must make the fee schedule publicly available online

Not sure about your Journal?

- Directory of Open Access Journals – DOAJ <http://www.doaj.org/>
- SHERPA/RoMEO. Paid Options for Open Access <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/PaidOA.html>
- Berkeley University Library. Selective List of Open Access and Paid Access Fees http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/scholarlycommunication/oa_fees.html

Award Criteria

- Applications will be reviewed by the members of the Library's Faculty Outreach Working Group
- Grants will be awarded based on: financial need and OA statement
- Grant recipients must also deposit their article in Brock Repository (<http://dr.library.brocku.ca/>)

Application Process

Submit an online application [accepted starting Monday October 24, 2011]:

<http://brocku.ca/library/about-us-lib/openaccess/open-access-week-october-24-to/application-form-brock-univers>

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